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**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Advisory Action of 8 July 2003. In reply to that outstanding Action, Applicants submit the following Remarks –

**AMENDMENTS****In the Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously amended) The degraded, inhibited, cationic starch of claim 19 wherein the final peak viscosity of said starch is about 110 to about 1000 percent of a non-inhibited degraded cationized starch viscosity.
3. (Previously amended) The degraded, inhibited, cationic starch of claim 19 wherein the starch is chosen from the group consisting of corn, tapioca, potato and sago and their waxy and high amylose versions thereof.
4. (Previously amended) The degraded, inhibited, cationic starch of claim 19 wherein the starch is inhibited chemically.
5. (Previously amended) The degraded, inhibited, cationic starch of claim 4 wherein the starch is inhibited with epichlorohydrin.
6. (Previously amended) The degraded, inhibited, cationic starch of claim 19 wherein the starch is inhibited thermally.
7. (Previously amended) The degraded, inhibited, cationic starch of claim 19 wherein the degraded starch has a WF of about 15 to 85.
8. (Previously amended) The degraded, inhibited, cationic starch of claim 7 wherein the degraded starch has a WF of about 20 to 70.